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This application is the U.S. national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/NL00/00591, filed August 27, 1999. The references identified in Form PTO-1449 were cited in an International Search Report dated February 7, 2001, in the underlying PCT application. The August 7, 2002 Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 and 37 C.F.R. §1.494 or §1.495 indicates that copies of the references cited in

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International Search Report have already been received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, no copies of those references are included herewith. A copy of the International Search Report is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

These references were all designated as "Category A" state-of-the-art references in the International Search Report, indicating that these references were not considered to be of particular relevance. Furthermore, the International Preliminary Examination Report dated November 26, 2001, indicates that the claims in the PCT application meet the international standards of patentability. The claims in the present application are similar to the claims filed in the PCT application and should be in condition for allowance for the same reasons set forth in the International Preliminary Examination Report. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), no fee is believed to be due for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Nevertheless, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

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